

FARMERS MEET AT EXPOSITION

Twenty-Fourth Annual Congress Is Well Attended by Husbandmen—Reception for Delegates.

One of the most largely attended of the conventions now being held at the World's Fair is the twenty-fourth annual session of the Farmers' National Congress, which began yesterday in Convention Hall. The purpose of the organization is to advocate and encourage all legislation that will tend to promote agriculture in a general way and improve the facilities for distributing farm products. The congress is composed of delegates appointed by Governors on recommendation from the local farmers' organizations.

At the morning meeting an address of welcome on the part of the Agricultural Department of the Exposition was made by Frederick W. Taylor, its chief. This was responded to by Joshua Strange of Indianapolis, in which he praised the display at the Agricultural Palace, saying that it was made possible by the intensely practical farmers of the United States. In behalf of the congress he extended thanks to the exposition.

An address was made by B. Cameron of North Carolina. Committees on credentials were appointed and the president's annual address was made.

At the afternoon session "The Cotton Grower's Association and National Calamity Unrest Controlled," was the subject of a paper by S. Peters, president of the Texas Cotton-Growers' Association.

Only one session will be held to-day, beginning at 1 o'clock, in Convention Hall. The subjects for discussion are: "The Distribution of Farm Products," by George Flanders of the New York State Department of Agriculture; "Women in Farm Life," Mrs. W. H. Felton of Georgia; "The Market Side of Stock Raising," Dioniel W. E. Skinner, manager of the International Live-Stock Exposition; "Value of Reliable Crop Statistics in Marketing Farm Products," John Hyrie, statistician, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

This evening a reception to the delegates and President Harvie Jordan of the Southern Cotton-Growers' Protective Association will be held in the Georgia building.

Kentucky at the Boer War.

The First Regiment of Kentucky will parade in the Boer War arena to-night.

SENDS TELEGRAM TO GOVERNOR.

Commission Says It Has Made No Plans for Illinois Week.

In answer to a message from Governor Charles Yates, the Illinois State Fair Commission has declared that it has arranged no participation in Illinois Week at the World's Fair, beginning October 3, in connection with the Illinois State Fair at Springfield. The telegram, which was sent by J. J. Doyle, the superintendent of the fair, is as follows:

"In answer to your telegram of inquiry relative to Illinois Week, I desire to say that there is absolutely nothing on record or in any communication in connection with the Illinois Commission touching the subject of Illinois Week at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, from Oc-

tober 3 to 8. Whatever arrangements which may now exist for Chicago Day and Illinois Week have been made by the Chicago people and the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company, without any participation by the Illinois Commission."

Special Kentucky Night.

The Boer War Band will play Southern selections to-night in honor of Kentucky.

TWO LADY MANAGERS DEPART.

Mrs. Helen Bollee-Hunsucker and Mrs. Frederick M. Hanger Go Home.

Mrs. Helen Bollee-Hunsucker and Mrs. Frederick Hanger, members of the Board of Lady Managers and both on this month's rotating committee of the board, departed last night for their respective homes in Philadelphia and Little Rock.

Mrs. Hunsucker's departure was sudden and unexpected, as she was called home by the serious illness of her sister, Miss Josephine Bollee, whom she had nursed through a previous attack for many months this year. It was the continued illness of this sister which detained Mrs. Hunsucker from attending any of the meetings of the board held since the opening of the Fair last April.

Mrs. Fannie L. Porter of Atlanta, Ga., is expected to arrive in St. Louis this morning.